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INFLATION IN INVENTORY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in their Report No. 7A of 2000 (Defence Services) on page 126 have brought out a glaring fact of multiple vehicles, general stores and clothing inflating the inventory holding and deficient control over them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the standardisation directorate of his Ministry inter-services organisation to reduce the cost of inventory and to ensure better control thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): The C&AG in its Report No.7A(Defence Services) of 2000 has pointed out the proliferation in variety of vehicles, clothing, generating and charging sets. It has recommended their standardization to reduce inventory control and cost.

(c) The Directorate of Standardization, on an ongoing basis, takes up the issues on commonality, standardization and variety reduction of the inventories existing in the Services as per Standardization Directive issued by the Government of India in 1975.